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"WANT TO BUY A WEAPON? STEP RIGHT UP"

That's the title of an article that appeared in the Dec. 30, 1997 *Chicago Tribune*. The story covers the easy accessibility of used firearms at gun shows--something the *Tribune* must find offensive judging by the length of the article--which said article is so thorough and so detailed it could serve as a "Buyer's Guide" on how to purchase firearms without paperwork and waiting periods at gun shows. Here are a few excerpts:

"Gun shows are a ready source of guns for criminals and others [others, that's spelled m-i-l-i-t-i-a] seeking to avoid the nation's numerous gun laws. That's because many of the guns at the shows are sold by private individuals and not dealers, and therefore not covered by laws requiring background checks or paperwork.

"These shows are now a crucial part of the massive, poorly regulated market in secondhand guns that supplies an estimated 70 percent of firearms used in crimes nationwide, according to the 1996 Justice Department Firearms and Crimes of Violence report.

"This trend is likely to escalate when a national instant criminal records check for all firearms buyers goes into effect next November. This check, aimed at making it more difficult for felons to buy guns from a licensed dealer, will continue to leave all guns purchased from individuals unaffected. Buyers at gun shows and swap meets will still be able to buy weapons from perfect strangers--as long as the sellers are not licensed gun dealers--without a written transaction.

"If the same weapon were bought from licensed dealers, buyers would have to show identification and, in the case of handguns, submit to background checks. The dealer would be required to keep the information about the buyer, including his address and Social Security number, for at least 20 years.

"This quirk in the federal law--allowing the private sale or transfer of guns without waiting periods or record keeping--makes it

easy for criminals [that means anyone who believes in the Second Amendment] to buy guns and virtually impossible to trace weapons back to them.

"Licensed dealers must report to the ATF when someone buys more than two guns in a five-day period. There is no such requirement for private sales."

The *Tribune* also reports that the exact number of gun shows held each year is unknown. Estimates range from 2,000 to three times that many. *Shotgun News* advertised 500 gun shows within a three-month period. *"This is an incomplete tally, gun industry experts say, because many smaller shows and swap meets are not listed. If determining the number of gun shows is difficult, counting the number of weapons sold at them is impossible.*

"Dealers and other exhibitors are invariably tight-lipped about sales at shows, refusing to say how many weapons they sell or buy. But ATF officials say hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of weapons change hands at a typical weekend show," reported the Tribune.

The article also covered the ease of obtaining weapons, new or used, through the Web. *"If buyer and seller are in different states, the seller must follow the federal rules for interstate shipping. The weapon must be sent to a licensed dealer in the buyer's home state. But in cases where seller and buyer are in the same state, the deal often goes through with no federal or state paper work."*

Ed.: isn't freedom terrible?

ENGLISH USAGE EXPERT INTERPRETS SECOND AMENDMENT

Gun-grabbers in all three branches of government often maintain the position that the Second Amendment really doesn't mean what it says. A good way to put them on the defensive is to simply replace the word "Arms" with any of the other rights cited in the other amendments --then ask for an interpretation. Such as

"Freedom of speech, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to speak freely shall not be infringed," etc.

The following 'rendering' of the Second Amendment was given to A.C. Brocki, Editorial Coordinator for the Office of Instruction of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Mr. Brocki previously taught Advanced Placement English for several years at Van Nuys High School:

"A well-schooled electorate, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and read books shall not be infringed."

Mr. Brocki said, "A well-schooled electorate" is a nominative absolute. "Being necessary to the security of a free State" is a participial phrase modifying "electorate."

The subject (a compound subject) of the sentence is "the right of the people." "Shall not be infringed" is a verb phrase, with "not" as an adverb modifying the verb phrase "shall be infringed."

"To keep and read books" is an infinitive phrase modifying "right."

When Mr. Brocki was asked to rephrase the sentence to make it clearer, he said, "Because a well-schooled electorate is necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and read books shall not be infringed."

When asked to rephrase the Second Amendment he made the same changes. When asked if the meaning could have changed in two hundred years, Brocki said "No."

When asked if the sentence could be interpreted to mean that the right can be restricted to "a well regulated militia," Brocki said, "No. I can't see that. The sentence means that the people are the militia, and the people have the right which is mentioned."

When asked if another professional in English grammar or linguistics could interpret the sentence to mean otherwise, Brocki said "I can't see any grounds for another interpretation."

When asked if he would be willing to stake his professional reputation on this opinion, and be quoted on this, he said, "Yes."

--J. Neil Schulman, July 17, 1991

To illustrate the judiciary's ignorance of English usage a letter-to-the-editor

appeared in *The New American* by Dan Bradford regarding conservative former Judge Robert Bork:

"Judge Robert Bork is wrong about the constitutionality of gun control. Lurking in a footnote on page 166 of his book *Slouching Towards Gomorrah* he debunks rational thought and historical facts by stating that *'the Supreme Court has consistently ruled that there is no individual right to own a firearm. The Second Amendment was designed to allow states to defend themselves against a possibly tyrannical government. Now that the federal government has stealth bombers and nuclear weapons, it is hard to imagine what people would need to keep in their garage to serve that purpose.'*

"Historically speaking, the Supreme Court ruled authoritatively in *Presser v. Illinois* (1886) that the Second Amendment protects individuals from federal infringement. In *U.S. v. Miller* (1939), the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Second Amendment protects citizens' rights to own weapons usually reserved for militias.

"Judge Bork nearly negates his entire book by his comments about the constitutionality of gun control. Be thankful Judge Bork is not on the high bench, as this summer the Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of the Brady Law. In the future they may rule once and for all on the meaning of the Second Amendment."

BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL THREAT SOON TO BECOME A REALITY?

"Across the country, the Army's Chemical and Biological Defense Command is hurrying to show civilians what they have to do when the first biological or chemical attack occurs," reported the *Sun News* Washington Bureau Dec. 24, 1997.

"It's coming to nine cities this fall. The Army will be training hundreds of people to respond to attacks signaled not by the shudder of a bomb, but by the seizing up of the central nervous system. The Defense Department will expand its \$52 million crash course to 120 cities over the next two years to react to weapons so horrible that the U.S. military is giving them up—such substances as sarin and VX gas, which paralyze, and anthrax, which kills with fever, flu and stabbing stomach pain.

"The Army also is forming medical teams to respond to attacks. The Marine Corps has established a 400-man force, at the cost of \$10 million this year, to be the first federal

troops to enter an area hit with a biological or chemical weapon," reported the *Sun News*.

What has U.S. officials worried is the enormous stock pile of chemical weapons (the largest in the world) in Russia today—much of which is subject to theft and sold on the black market to terrorists. If a terrorist group unleashes a chemical or biological attack somewhere in the U.S. and claims no allegiance to any nation, retaliation becomes impossible. "You can't bomb someone without an address," said Frank Cilluffo, an analyst for the Center of Strategic and International Studies.

"Local people would be on their own for up to ten hours following an attack, because it takes that long for the Marines and other federal help to arrive," said Cilluffo.

Closing note: As the majority of our readers already know, many militia groups across the country are already prepared for these types of attacks, having their own gas masks—with spare filters.

One patriot here on the Jersey Shore is selling gas masks, with filter, for \$8.50 each. He buys them in large quantities and can afford to sell them at a near give-away price. If anyone is interested, contact us at our P.O. Box and we'll see if we can arrange contact and delivery. --Ed.

"CIGARETTE SMUGGLERS FILTERING IN"

That was the title of a front page story that appeared in the Sunday *Star-Ledger* Jan. 18, 1998.

As of January 1 New Jersey raised the tax on a pack of cigarettes to eighty cents; a carton of cigarettes now costs close to \$25.

Not surprisingly, cigarettes are beginning to show up at convenience stores in New Jersey with Pennsylvania or Virginia tax stamps. Pennsylvania and Delaware reported a sharp increase in cigarette sales.

"It's a relative easy way to make a quick buck. A van load of cigarettes and a six-hour drive can fetch a hefty profit," said Harold Fox, deputy director of New Jersey's Division of Taxation.

For any would-be smugglers out there, just remember that federal law prohibits transporting more than 300 cartons of cigarettes across state lines without paying the proper tax. New Jersey state law only allows 2 cartons. However, the *Star-Ledger* reported that attention will be focused on retailers, not those buying for personal use.

Note: It's obvious that N.J. State legislators have never read Charles Adams' excellent book, *For Good and Evil, The Impact of Taxes On*

the Course of History. Here are a few notable quotes by Adams on the subject of tax increases:

**As taxes increase, evasion increases.*

**Once tax evasion becomes deep-rooted, it is almost impossible to root out.*

**Patriotism is soluble in oppressive taxation. oppression in the rate of tax or in the manner in which taxes are assessed and collected.*

**Historically, the conscience of tax makers has often been like Swiss cheese—full of holes; when that happens, the conscience of taxpayers is also like Swiss cheese.*

**Liberty tends to carry the seeds of its own destruction, for freemen will often grant extensive taxing powers to their governments, not realizing that these taxing powers will, if carried to excess, destroy the very liberty they sought to preserve.*

**Tax laws have taken away liberty more often than foreign invaders have. This is a major blind spot in our historical vision. [In reference to our own history, this is an undeniable fact—we've lost none of our liberties to foreign invasion—all the liberties we've lost, and are presently losing—are due to our own government].*

**The ancient Mayan civilization, according to one scholar, ended when taxpaying citizens simply disappeared into the jungle instead of paying taxes.*

**The suspicion of many writers and historians—that great empires tax themselves to death—finds support in history and has become a fashionable theme. Many of the great events in history, certainly most revolutions, have been rooted in taxation. Taxes have often been the fuse that ignites the powder keg of human discontent, but once the explosion occurs, we seldom take notice of the fuse.*

GOVERNMENT HEADING TOWARDS DESPOTISM

by David Q. Merritt

"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security."

--Declaration of Independence

"It's time for the government to be more responsive and to be more aware of each of us as people, with inalienable rights--and not with the attitude of we know and you don't, and we have the power and you don't."

--Niki Deutchman, jury foreman at the Terry Nichols trial

Thomas Jefferson and other Founding Fathers of the United States had endured oppression long enough. They had been subjected to a rash of restrictive laws, overbearing regulations, cumbersome taxation and a denial of basic human rights.

Thus, the Declaration of Independence led to the birth of a nation that would eventually be in direct opposition to such practices.

Unfortunately, the United States, the land of the free, is beginning to fall victim to the very reasons for its founding: restrictive laws, overbearing regulations, cumbersome taxation and a denial of basic human rights.

Though many in today's pro-government society believe this kind of talk is straight out of a Michigan Militia handbook, it is not. This is simply an examination of political history and a look ahead to the place where our government is currently taking us.

A slow incremental change has taken place, which gives credibility to this side of the debate. Since 1929, the size and scope of the federal government has grown to frightening proportions. Many citizens are unaware of this enormous growth because it was gone "for their own good."

Any government involvement, or national program, that is deemed necessary for the citizenry to better their existence should be looked upon with great suspicion and caution. Take Social Security for example.

In 1935, this program was first designed to comfort and aid widows and their children during the Depression. In 1996, Social Security is not only a program providing survivors benefits, but it finances the retirement of most Americans over a certain age. According to the Office of Management and Budget the total expenditures of the Social Security program is now well over 20 percent of the federal budget.

Social Security was created for the benefit of the citizenry. In reality, it will probably bankrupt the country.

In regards to the vast expansion of the federal government, one president can bear sole responsibility for the state we have today. Franklin Roosevelt, the architect behind the New Deal, began the ever-expanding government and its intrusion into the lives of every American.

Though many Congresses and other presidents since have added to the misery, Roosevelt was its creator. According to the U.S. Treasury Department government expenditures in 1993, were 34.4 percent of the gross domestic product--roughly one-third. In 1970, expenditures were about one-fourth of the GDP; in 1960, government expenditures were roughly one-fifth of the GDP; and in 1929, they were less than one-tenth of the GDP.

As Ronald Reagan so eloquently stated in his farewell address, "I hope we have once again reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There is a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a

law of physics: as government expands, liberty contracts."

Unfortunately, Reagan supervised one of the largest government expansions in history, resulting in over half of the \$5 trillion debt we are burdened with today.

Government's expansion is nothing new to the world. The great Roman Empire of the first millennium collapsed because of, among many other things, its vast over-bloated, governmental bureaucracy.

Overbearing regulations have become the norm for American businesses. Both small businesses and multi-national corporations are exposed to strangling regulations, which inhibit their right to engage in free-market commerce.

In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency, the heavy-handed regulatory agency, estimated it has imposed some \$1.4 trillion worth of compliance costs on American businesses since 1970.

Government is not in business to baby-sit the "free market." It should, however, protect the consumer from abuses. This does not mean economic liberty should be restricted in the name of preserving individual liberty and safety. The two freedoms go hand in hand. As Herbert Hoover stated in the monumental election of 1932, "Free speech does not live many hours after industry and free commerce die."

Our current tax system is also a form of tyranny, which we have been increasingly subject to. Presently, the average tax rate for an American citizen is approximately 30 percent of his or her income.

Though many attempt to justify this by pointing to Canada's, Japan's or Germany's tax rates, it does not conceal the fact that Americans pay out nearly one-third of the money they earn to the government.

The future state of taxation does not bode well for America. Again according to the Office of Management and Budget, for all generations born after 1990 the average rate will be 71.1 percent. If we continue along the course we are currently charting, America's next generation will be the most heavily taxed on earth--in total taxes, per capita taxes and per capita tax percentage.

These apocalyptic figures and opinions are not an attempt at demagoguery. For even our Founding Fathers knew of the ultimate decay of our government. When Benjamin Franklin addressed the Constitutional Convention in 1787, he stated:

"In these sentiments, sir, I agree to this Constitution, with all its faults--if they are such; because I think a general government necessary for us, and there is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people, if well administered.

"And I believe, farther, that it is likely to be well administered for the course of years, and can only end in despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall

become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other."

It is a vicious circle America has traveled. For the founders who fought for our independence spoke of tyrannical and oppressive government, knowing that someday the very government they created would become the oppressor [if the people permit it].

GREETINGS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Dear friends and militia members in the U.S.A.

Greetings from the Natal Christian Militia, South Africa.

The situation here in the R.S.A. at the moment is extremely volatile with the crime rate spiraling out of [control] to an extent that the police forces and defense forces are unable to contain this wave.

There is grave concern that the Christian structures in this once beautiful country are about to collapse and be replaced with a Communist system.

We are a survivalist militia and our main concern is the protection of our Christian faith, our fellow Christians, our churches and our families. Have we the right to wage a defensive war against the Communist ATHEISTS, or do we rely on our faith entirely?

We have also enclosed for you clippings from Newspapers over a period of six months. This should give you a picture of our situation.

There is a saying in South Africa formulated by our opposition: "If you're white you're right. If you are right you're a racist."

All whites are regarded as right wingers, e.g. members of the white resistance movement. Sick!

This is all for now. I will stay in touch only if requested by you.

Thank you so much for sending us the New Jersey Militia Newsletter. It's a real God send.

Yours in GOD and FREEDOM.

G.S., Commander of the N.C.M., South Africa

Ed.: G.S., please stay in touch.--Here are some headlines from the *Johannesburg Citizen's* "Crime round-up" for various dates in July, 1997:

"Six vehicles hijacked in Jo'burg", "Concern at taxi violence", "Sgt., civilian shot dead at police station", "UK marines mugged in Bloemfontien", "Man hacked to death near [rail station]", "Three arrests, 4 more rapes in Jo'burg", "Eight bodies found in KwaZulu/Natal"--The *Citizen's* editorials also refer to a "crime wave" in South Africa.

C'MON EVERYBODY...SING!

(To be sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic)

From the beauty of the poppies comes the stuff they want to sell,

Across the open borders from the very depths of hell,

We can read their grand intentions by the light of the cartel,

Their trucks keep moving on.

Chorus: Ron Brown's body lies a molderin' in the grave,

Ron Brown's body lies a molderin' in the grave,

Ron Brown's body lies a molderin' in the grave,

They said that he might tell.

If we keep the borders open they can make a lot of dough,

From young and old and helpless ones and others that you know,

We know by now the threat is real and all the drugs have come,

To work to keep Bill free.

Chorus

Mine eyes have seen the havoc that the stuff of white has caused,

It has brought some fateful changes in the way we make our laws,

We can read our final sentence by the trail the thugs have left,

Our narco-king still reigns

Chorus

ROCK STAR TURNS PATRIOT

Ted Nugent, whose hits include 'Journey to the Center of the Mind,' 'Baby Please Don't Go,' and 'Cat Scratch Fever,' with a group called the Amboy Dukes is not your typical liberal rock star. He heads up the Ted Nugent World Bowhunters Club and has an ultra-conservative political mindset.

"Law-abiding gun owners have done nothing wrong. Leave us alone," said Nugent. *"We are commandos, and we shoot back. But we don't shoot back with letters, phone calls and votes."*

Nugent said he is not a member of the Michigan Militia, but supports them. *"I shoot with these people, [militia members] I have been to target practice with them. I find them professional, hardworking people."*

--Source: AP

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

"75 to 90 percent of American trial lawyers are incompetent, dishonest, or both."

--Chief Justice Warren Berger

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

In medieval England it was only the king who had the power to create criminal offenses.

Today any bureaucrat who writes regulations can do it. In medieval times, it was

dangerous to displease the king. Today it's the bureaucrat.

--Brian McMenamin

A WACO QUESTION

The Learning Channel recently reran a report by Diane Sawyer about events leading up to the Waco tragedy. (If you missed it--you didn't miss much).

In the opening portion of the documentary Sawyer mentions that a UPS truck was traveling to the Branch Davidian Church (the government called it a "compound" to make it sound more sinister) when a box split open and hand grenades fell out. The UPS driver reported the discovery to UPS officials who alerted law enforcement.

Hand grenades? Live, fused, filled with powder, hand grenades?

Where in the hell could Koresh, or anyone else for that matter, order hand grenades and have them delivered to your front door via UPS? The answer is, you can't. Period!

If there's a company out there selling live grenades to the public how long do you think it would be before the FBI and the BATF would put a stop to it? How long do you think it would take before the media would do a report on it? Have you ever heard of any follow-up stories about the company that sold the "grenades" to the Branch Davidians? No, and you never will.

As anyone who has served in the military knows, hand grenades are individually packed and sealed in heavy-gauge cardboard tube containers. If the grenades shipped to the Davidians were live and the box did split open, the UPS driver would not have recognized them as grenades. Secondly, the box would have "High Explosive Material" labels plastered all over it, which would've alerted UPS officials long before the box split open.

The grenades shipped to the Davidians were loose and obviously inert. Only a moron with a serious death wish would drive around with a box of loose and live grenades bouncing around in the back of his truck.

Of course Diane Sawyer never mentioned any of this in her report. Sloppy journalism such as this explains why viewership of CBS, NBC, and ABC is steadily dropping.

COMING SOON TO YOUR CITY: THE U.S. MARINES

"The marines are looking for a few good cities--those willing to host military exercises in urban warfare on downtown streets," reported Lisa Hoffman of the *Scripps Howard News Service*.

Marine Commandant Gen. Charles Krulak said he *"...hopes several cities on the East Coast and at least one on the West Coast will agree to host war games."*

The news release also stated that plastic bullets might be used in the exercises. *"The*

experience to be gained by training in a true urban environment would be invaluable," said Krulak.

Note: We received the following letter through our e-mail address that may reveal the true motive behind the "urban warfare" training:

"I am sure that most of you are aware of this, but I thought it proper to state this. Two years ago a marine recruiter came to my house to try and recruit me to join the marines. During the approximately 2 hour discussion, we began talking about politics. We both stated that we were both Conservatives. I brought up my worries about serving under Bill Clinton as Commander in Chief, he agreed that this was a sad thing that we had such a person as our leader. I asked about the different things that the marines were doing, and some how the topic got on the subject of the militia. He said that the marines are training for war with the militias. He said that it was in the form of urban combat training, etc."

--C.D. Rydie

SPEAKING HER MIND

Ed.: NJM received the following letter postmarked Waco, TX:

My name is Robin Marie Head. I am a TEXAS MADAM. I have been sentenced to 10 years in prison under the guise of 'Organized Crime.' I was the proprietor of an ESCORT SERVICE in Houston and Austin, Texas. There are thousands of these businesses across the U.S. listed in the yellow pages. I, myself, have befallen solely because I refused to work for the BATF namely (or the DEA, FBI). These agents, our U.S. government, were interested in our exclusive clientele, to wit 'selective' "State and political officials" of which I do maintain a taped conversation of an agent expressing this explicitly in his distinct voice. This discreet information would be invaluable if wanting to gain influence and power over those who fraternize our services (i.e., election fraud, judicial and legislative control, a silent coup even, etc.)

This is the same strategy that empowered J. Edgar Hoover to wield great authority in Washington, D.C. What was the more recent 'FILEGATE' in '96 about and whatever became of that investigation!?

Thank you for your time.

Ms. Robin Head

Murray Unit

Gatesville, TX 76596

<http://info.acm.org/~loebner/freedom/robinhead.html>

THIS IS NOT MY GUILT! P.O.W.

Police 'Honor Code'

by Bev McCarron & Alicia Grey, Star-Ledger

The Hillsborough, NJ, police officer who ticketed another officer's mother after a minor

traffic accident is a "bad apple" to some of his colleagues.

Patrolman Steven Gonzales has been criticized, ostracized and portrayed as a violator of a police "honor code" for giving a careless driving ticket to Geraldine Yanicak, whose son is a police officer in neighboring Montgomery.

But Tammie Pinel of Hillsborough, whose car was struck by Yanicak's, said the officer did the right thing. "He was very polite and nice and he did nothing wrong," said Pinel. She said Yanicak repeatedly told both her and the officer that her son was a police officer.

The incident happened Oct. 12, 1997, in a grocery store parking lot in Hillsborough where Yanicak backed out of her spot and hit Pinel's car.

When Gonzales arrived, Yanicak proceeded to tell him that her son, Joe Yanicak, was a police officer. She also said he couldn't give her a ticket because the parking lot was private property, according to Pinel.

"She was very upset, and a little cocky," said Pinel.

Gonzales last week filed a libel suit against the Hillsborough Police Benevolent Association after its then-president, Trevor Oldenburg, sent a letter of apology to the Montgomery PBA.

The letter said the officer violated an "honor code" among the police brotherhood by writing the ticket to Officer Yanicak's mother. It also said the department had "uncovered...a bad apple."

The suit said Gonzales was isolated and humiliated by his colleagues after he ticketed Yanicak.

Oldenburg has since resigned as PBA president, Chief Robert Gazaway said Jan. 20. It was unclear what prompted Oldenburg to step down from his leadership post. He could not be reached for comment.

Chief Gazaway said his department began investigating the matter after the PBA apology letter was written and "appropriate departmental action" was taken. Montgomery also conducted an internal investigation.

Both chiefs have asked the Somerset County prosecutor's office to review how the departments handled the issue.

Prosecutor Wayne Forrest said his staff will determine whether they need to conduct a further investigation. "It could lead to nothing, it could lead to administrative action, or it could be presented to the grand jury," Forrest said.

An independent investigation will help to "maintain the public's confidence" in the departments, the chiefs said in a joint statement.

Advanced Technology Sought for Urban Warfare

The Army and Marine Corps will begin creating a military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) "test bed" that aims to better equip soldiers for operations in cities and towns.

With limited funding in fiscal year 1997, according to Maj. Rene Burgess, a MOUT test bed official, the services will only be able to begin installing sensors and other measuring devices at test locations--the Army's Fort Benning, GA, and the Marine Corps' Camp LeJeune, NC.

According to Burgess, only \$3.2 million has been budgeted in FY-97. However, he added, the funding increases to about \$21 million per year between FY-98 and FY-00.

In April the services will award contracts to multiple bidders for audio sensors and day/night video sensors that will capture 3-dimensional data and sensors that will measure weapon effectiveness.

For example, Burgess said, in measuring weapon effectiveness a sensor will have to determine who fired a shot, when it was fired, where the shot went and what happened to the target.

"All the sensors will be tied together and transmitted back to the control center that will use the data to replicate action on a 3-dimensional computer model," he said.

Col. John Fricas, a military assistant to the deputy under secretary of defense for advanced technology, said the MOUT test demonstration has been rated "very high" by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.

The demonstration will focus on 13 different technological areas. Emerging technologies will provide soldiers with enhanced situational awareness and mobility as well as non-lethal and force-protection tools.

"These technologies are geared toward fighting in urban environments for dismounted soldiers at the battalion level and below," Burgess said.

The MOUT program follows the advice of a 1994 Defense Science Board report on military operations in built-up areas. The report said urban operations will become more frequent and suggested the military step up its planning for such contingencies.

According to the report the MOUT program should demonstrate and evaluate weapons, surveillance, communications and related equipment and subsystems to carry out missions in urban terrain. The report said the urban missions would include general war, contingency operations, peace operations, humanitarian operations, counterinsurgency and anti-terrorism efforts.

According to Burgess attempts are under way to develop a sensor that would, in effect, allow soldiers to look through walls. He said sensors are available right now that can generate rough images from behind a wall but what is sought is one that could create an X-ray-type view that could show if an enemy behind a wall was armed.

Pentagon Develops Sensors to Locate Snipers

The Pentagon has developed a network of sensors that can detect weapons fire in urban environments and pinpoint the location of snipers, Defense officials say.

According to Charles Perkins, assistant deputy secretary of defense for special projects, the sensors were successfully tested in 1996 under the Counter-Sniper program at Ft. Benning, GA. He said the Army sponsored the program for \$1 million but the technology has applications for all the services.

"When I say counter-sniper I mean detecting small arms fire up to 50 cal., as opposed to tank guns, [finding] where the shooter is and therefore being able to take action against the shooter," Perkins said. "We're not doing the countermeasure, we're just doing the detection," he explained.

John Eicke, an Army Research Laboratory official who oversaw the program, said three different sensors were successfully utilized, two acoustic sensors developed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and an infrared sensor developed by the Naval Research Laboratory.

Eicke described the sensors as a network spread over an area to hear gunfire, locate its origin and pass information to a centralized system. Originally the sensors were developed by law enforcement and placed on telephone poles in cities to locate gunfire.

"You don't need a direct line of sight, it just needs to hear it," Eicke said. "In a place like Bosnia you could put the sensors throughout the town, instead of sending [troops] when you hear gunfire."

Eicke said the system has the ability to differentiate sniper fire from other noise such as a car door slamming.

According to Eicke the sensors proved so successful they were used for back-up security at Ft. Benning when Olympic softball was played nearby. He said the sensors were never triggered, but they were recognized as a valuable precaution after the Olympic Park bombing.

Another technology tested, Eicke said, was an acoustic array sensor. It is designed to pick up either the sound of gunfire or detect the shockwave created by the blast and consists of two lightweight sensors that are mounted on tripods and can detect anything that comes between them. He said the sensor is accurate over a short distance and has the capability to identify the weapon fired. But the acoustic array sensors need to be refined to more quickly pinpoint the gunfire's origin. The location process now takes tens of seconds, but the military would like the sensor to pinpoint the location in a few seconds.

Eicke said the most complex sensor tested was the NRL's infrared system, which uses a

small IR camera that detects the muzzle flash as a weapon is fired.

"It worked very well for locating shots," said Eicke, adding it picked out the window in a building a weapon was fired from during testing. However it requires a computer system that could fill two suitcases. Also, he noted, it requires substantial training to operate. He said the system's best use may be at a fixed location like at the end of an airfield runway where it could pick up weapons firing at aircraft.

--Inside the Army, February 3, 1997

Radioactive Oatmeal

"A group of former students who ate radioactive oatmeal as unwitting participants in a food experiment will share a \$1.85 million settlement from Quaker Oats and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology," reported the Associated Press Dec. 31, 1997.

Quaker Oats supplied the oatmeal and MIT added radioactive iron and calcium which were given to over 100 school children at the Fernald School in Waltham, Mass. MIT has agreed to pay most of the settlement.

The children were first tricked into joining the "Fernald Science Club" and then signed a consent form to participate in a nutritional test, but the consent form made no mention that radioactive material was added to the oatmeal.

"It's a violation of your civil rights, which is why we're paying \$1.8 million to treat a minor as a guinea pig and to feed them radiation," said Alexander Bok, one of the 15 lawyers involved in the case.

Prison Rejects NJM Newsletter

NJM,

On January 6, 1998, I received a "Mail Items Rejection Form" from our institutional mailroom. The items it had listed as being rejected were "One letter with materials from the New Jersey Militia Newsletter, vol. 3 issue no. 7--Not allowed."

Since there was no problem getting your newsletters in the last 3 months, I don't know why this problem has suddenly cropped up. I've written to ask, and was told that "The newsletter was reviewed and it has been determined that it should not be allowed

based on its content in accordance with SOP," (Standard Operating Procedure).

SOP allows the rejection of mail items if it/they contains the following:

- A) Weapons: Depicts, diagrams, construction, or use of.
- B) Escape
- C) Bootlegging
- D) Code (I had mail denied due to e-mail address it contained).
- E) Violence: advocates or incites
- F) Crime
- G) Disruption
- H) Hatred
- I) Criminal Sexual Behavior
- J) Deviant Sexual Behavior
- K) Obscenity

Since my experience with your newsletters leads me to believe that none of these subjects is discussed in the current newsletter...I smell a rat!

Anyway, I'm filing a grievance about it (but won't hold my breath on the outcome) to allege harassment and first amendment violations.

I'm writing to ask that you hold off sending anymore newsletters until I can get a conclusive resolution to this problem. Also, I can't help but believe you've encountered this problem before [we have, --Ed] and I'd like to know how it was handled, or, what ideas you may have about handling it.

I'm not one to lay down in the face of "Administration Bullying" (something these people know), so I'll be pushing this pretty hard.

In the mean time I'll let you know what's going on with this and how it turns out.

Mike Getty, Glennville, GA

Letter from a Critic

To whom it may concern:

This letter is intended to edify you, and the individuals in your organization. Having been personally acquainted with the ring-leaders of the Phoenix-based Viper Militia, think before you act--please. The last thing the Patriot Movement needs is another Viper-style take-down.

I've been deeply critical of the Movement's attitudes and activities, almost since its inception. I beg to ask yourself: Why are you allowing yourselves to become revolutionary-reactionists, at the behest of the

CIA, that they knowingly enjoy playing on the American Public at-large, thereby giving the Public a reason to be unjustifiably scared of you, when it's they who are the Enemy, not you?

If we don't have some sort of community support for our actions, then we inevitably stand a good chance of sabotaging our efforts by assuming that everyone agrees with us.

If you're truly what you claim to be, then we'll see it in your actions, and you'll keep it legal. If you still consider me an ally then I'll expect to hear from you as soon as possible.

E.F., Arizona

Ed.: Students interested in the militia movement have interviewed us and reviewed our activities. Perhaps the concluding paragraphs of a college essay will allay E.F.'s fears:

"Americans should become more informed and educated in order to understand the premise of the militia in New Jersey and elsewhere.

"Winston Churchill is reported to have said:

'If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory is sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worst case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.'

"Relying on those beliefs, it becomes more apparent as to why the New Jersey Militia wants to educate and encourage citizens of the State to believe that battles against the government and its bureaucracy can be won with a war of words rather than guns; that the freedom to assemble and express those thoughts and words may be the most powerful ammunition to reverse trends in government which are akin to becoming a benevolent dictatorship rather than a vibrant democracy with public participation. The New Jersey Militia, at this point in time, represents a call to its citizens to stand the watch and to remember that our founding fathers envisioned a government 'of the people' and we should be brave enough to take the steps to return government to that purpose. *Causing the American people to become more aware of that objective may indeed confer upon the members of the New Jersey Militia the recognition that they are contemporary Patriots of sorts.*"

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